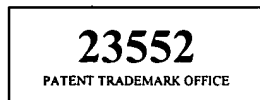


REMARKS

The present application is a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. §1.53(b) of U.S. Serial No. 10/112,218, filed March 29, 2002, for which a Notice of Allowance was mailed on August 5, 2003. Claims 2-19 have been cancelled.

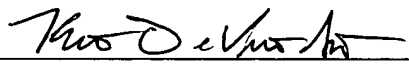
In view of the foregoing, prompt examination of this application is requested.



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